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Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 10 April 1963

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - March 1963

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1. At the request of [redacted] FDD on March 5th submitted a proposal for a linguistic research project to be undertaken [redacted]. The objective of the project was the preparation of a reference handbook for specialists who do research in and produce reports on Chinese agriculture to assist them in properly interpreting and assessing Chinese literature in that field.

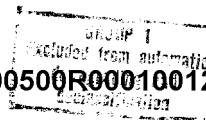
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2. On Sunday afternoon, March 24th, [redacted] reported to headquarters upon urgent request and completed within two hours a translation of the interview granted the correspondent of "Le Monde" by Fidel Castro.

3. By the end of March four semi-weekly Division reports were being transcribed directly from dictation onto stencils for rapid publication.

4. During the month the Division's Foreign Language Service Center at headquarters received and processed 250 requests for translation services, of which 49 had target dates of one to three days. These deadlines were met. All requests from the DCI were handled within one to three hours. More than 75% of the translation performed was for the DDP, the bulk of which concerned Cuba or Communist activity in Latin America.

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